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*Last week's visit to Tamborine Mountain was the perfect opportunity for Mayoral candidate Tom Sharp to congratulate Eve Curtis on her recent birthday, exchange a few local stories, and to recall one of their first meetings in the mid-70s (pictured at left). Story page 7*

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# THE PATH TO ACCOUNTABILITY OR A PATH TO WASTE?

According to local residents, the new footpath on Alpine Terrace, Tamborine Mountain, starting from White Road South, is a complete "stuff-up". They say it's a shocking waste of money and a clear example of how Mayor Christensen's Council in the Scenic Rim has harmed our scenic amenity. The Council seems to have no understanding of what makes Tamborine Mountain special.

On this issue, I have to agree with the community. At first, I was happy to hear about the new footpath, but as construction began, it became embarrassing to watch. It dragged on for months, and the work was slow and poorly managed. It made me think that maybe the Council should stay away from building footpaths, and from construction projects in general. It seemed like there was no sense of urgency or direction.

Did you know that it cost nearly \$750,000 for just 200 metres of footpath? That's an incredible amount of money – about \$3,750 for every metre. It's hard to trust this Council to handle major projects responsibly when they spend money like this without proper oversight. You could build a house for the cost of this footpath!

Every day, we saw little progress despite the presence of many workers, trucks, and equipment. There were unnecessary changes to driveways, too many traffic controllers for minor tasks, and more supervisors than workers. It seemed like time and money were not a concern to the Council.

Where were the CEO and Senior Management during all of this? Who is responsible for this mess? It's hard to believe that this is considered high performance. Our local concrete workers could have done the job much faster and cheaper.

And what about the handrail? We could rename the street PENITENTIARY LANE. That's what it looks like.

Then there's the unnecessary handrail that has ruined the appearance of the street. The Council claims it's for safety, but that doesn't make sense. If safety was the real concern, why didn't they continue the handrail further along, where it's steeper and closer to traffic? There is no handrail on Guanaba Road – just planting for safety, which prevents access to the road.

Thousands of residents had been using the grassy path for decades without any issues. A 200-metre handrail was never needed. In Beaudesert, they build wider footpaths of 2.5-3m, but on Tamborine Mountain, we get smaller ones, 1.5m wide, and now this one with a handrail is even narrower. How



can it cost over \$3,750 per metre?

The Holt Road footpath to Tamborine Mountain High School, which is just 400 linear metres and a mere 1.5m wide, cost over \$425,000.

That's more than \$1,000 per metre.

It's hard to justify these costs. Council management budgeted \$600,000, so what happened to the leftover funds?

I talked to my concrete worker, and he wondered how to get Council jobs, since he could complete a metre per day for 13 months. Even with traffic control expenses, it doesn't add up.

The public needs to know that one of the main responsibilities of elected Councillors is to ensure the Council performs well. It seems like they've dropped the ball, and there's a lack of strong leadership.

The *Local Government Act* lists the responsibilities of councillors, including being accountable to the community for the Council's performance. The Council hired a new CEO and an advisor, but it hasn't improved performance much.

To sum it up, when you realise you're dealing with a hopeless situation, it's best to change your approach. In this case, the Council should consider appointing new leadership, setting higher standards, and re-evaluating its performance requirements. It's time for a fresh start to address the problems effectively.

### **The Local Government Act**

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(3)(d) being accountable to the community for the local government's performance.

The council replaced the CEO nine months ago and appointed a new one, David Keenan. The State recently appointed an ADVISOR, Gary Stevenson, for nearly six months, paid for by you, and which likely cost more than a partner per hour in a large city law firm. Still, it seems to have done little to change the Council's performance.

### **The Dead Horse Theory of the Dakota Indians**

*"When you discover you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount."*

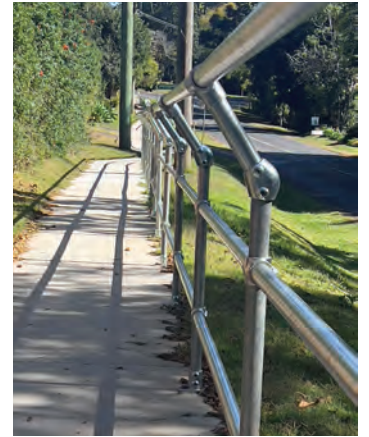
I was forced to dismount from the Scenic Rim Council when it became very apparent to me that it was a dead horse, in February this year.

Your Mayor and Councillors should be held accountable for the Local Government's performance. In just six months' time in March 2024, you get to give them their 4-year performance appraisal at the ballot box; it's your time to make your vote count.

**Derek Swanborough**

**Former Councillor**

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## HARNESSING A FLORAL FLOW

Tamborine Mountain freelance graphic artist and illustrator Heather Dale has recently added a popular string to her bow, teaching classes in watercolour floral painting.



As well as illustrating her own range of greeting cards, postcards and tags (distributed in shops locally and around Australia), Heather has also illustrated children's books. Other parts of her business cover corporate work: graphic design, business branding – designing logos, brochures, signage, labels etc.

"I have always had a love for flowers, and so learning to paint them in watercolour has been very rewarding and therapeutic. I quickly realised that with the right technique and tools, anyone can paint florals. Hence the 'Focusing on Florals' course began! It consists of 5 weeks, 2 hrs per week, so 10 hrs total tuition. In each session, my aim is for every person to have a feeling of instant gratification. Just through teaching someone how to use a good quality paint brush properly, makes all the difference.

"Watercolour has a quick turnaround to completing a piece. It's a medium where you must 'let go' and learn to work with your mistakes, most of the time to your benefit.

"Watercolour painting gets you into that 'flow state' where you are completely immersed in the moment, it's extremely meditative."

*You can see a small sample of one of Heather's classes using the QR code. CONTACT: See Heather's ad on page 23 for details*



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# WITCHES FALLS WINERY LAUNCHES VIBRANT SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS PROGRAM

Witches Falls Winery is thrilled to announce the commencement of its highly anticipated Spring/Summer events program, set to kick off on Friday, September 29th, coinciding with the King's Birthday long weekend. As the days grow longer and warmer, Witches Falls Winery invites you to embrace the return of sun-soaked days and balmy nights with a captivating calendar of events that promise to inspire and refresh.

## “Sunset Sips”: Open until 7 pm every Friday and Saturday

Picture this: The sun gently dips below the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the lush vineyard, and in your hand, you hold a glass of exceptional wine, cider, or craft beer. This is the essence of “Sunset Sips”. Every Friday and Saturday night throughout Spring and Summer, the Cellar Door at Witches Falls Winery will extend its opening hours until 7 pm. As the sun sets, you'll immerse yourself in an ambiance that's both tranquil and invigorating—an opportunity to pause, unwind, savour the vineyard's views, and truly appreciate the beauty that envelops Tamborine Mountain.

## Weekly Oyster Nights: A Seafood Lover's Dream

But that's not all! Witches Falls Winery brings back “Oyster Nights”. Every week, on alternating Fridays and Saturdays from 3 pm to 7 pm, guests can enjoy a delectable selection of cellar door favourites expertly paired with impeccably fresh and creamy natural oysters. To secure your indulgence, bookings are essential, so make sure to reserve your spot in advance.

## Live Music: Every Saturday and Sunday afternoon

Elevating the atmosphere, Witches Falls Winery has curated a captivating line-up of live music every Saturday from 3 pm to 6:30 pm and every Sunday from 12 pm to 4 pm. Listen to talented artists while sipping on the finest wines, ciders, and craft beers, and snacking on delectable cheese boards, creating the perfect weekend experience.

## More Than Just Wine: A Diverse Selection

Witches Falls Winery pride themselves on offering something for everyone. While wine enthusiasts can explore a range of award-winning wines, they haven't forgotten about cider and beer lovers. Hard apple ciders, craft beers, and alcohol-removed wines are also on offer, ensuring there's a drink to suit every palate.



PHOTO: @kiffandculture

## Book in and Enjoy

Whether you seek the perfect Friday night, a serene weekend retreat, or a new-haven to share with friends, Tamborine Mountain's best-kept secret, Witches Falls Winery, awaits with open arms and a glass of your favourite beverage. Here's to discovering the magic that's closer than you think!

To find more information or make a booking, please visit the [Upcoming Events](https://witchesfalls.com.au/pages/upcoming-events) page on the Witches Falls Winery website at [witchesfalls.com.au/pages/upcoming-events](https://witchesfalls.com.au/pages/upcoming-events).

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## MALE JUMPING SPIDER

*Opisthoncus sp.*, metal railing, Driscoll Lane



The spider was out for a stroll, the week before last, barely pausing long enough for me to take a shot, so that only 2 out of 8 photos passed muster. According to Wikipedia, as of 2019, the genus contains 32 species which occur mostly in Australia, predominantly in Queensland and New South Wales, with a few in Papua New Guinea. This spider resembles *Opisthoncus mordax*, the biting jumping spider, which is found hereabouts. It is about 10 mm long. The expert wrote that there may be at least 100 species in the genus in Australia, the majority awaiting description.

Peter Kuttner



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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

### MONDAY (18-SEP-23)

1. 68.98% PETER ZAREMBA - WENDY CHRISTIE
2. 56.48% SHEENA POLLOCK - JOANNE EVANS
3. 55.32% HEIKE EDRICH - DAVID DONALDSON

### TUESDAY SUPERVISED (19-SEP-23)

1. 77.78% FIONA MCCRACKEN - MARGARET GOLDSMITH
2. 55.56% ALAN SECOMBE - CHRIS PENDER
3. 44.44% GWEN VOIGT - EDDIE HEINEMEYER

### WEDNESDAY (20-SEP-23)

1. 64.58% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
2. 60.42% WENDY CHRISTIE - JOANNE EVANS
3. 54.86% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

### THURSDAY (21-SEP-23)

- NS 1. 59.58% JENNY STRACHAN - EDDIE HEINEMEYER  
NS 2. 55.00% WENDY CHRISTIE - PETER ZAREMBA  
NS 3. 54.17% HEIKE EDRICH - CAROLE COOKE  
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# EVE CURTIS – AUTHOR, RESEARCHER, EDITOR, ENVIRONMENTALIST CONSULTANT, LOVER OF NATURE AND GUARDIAN OF THE MOUNTAIN



**Eve Curtis turned 95 on 15th September this year. Eve has spent her entire life in service to Tamborine Mountain, and it is more than just her hometown – it is her sanctuary.**

Although time has slowed her a little, she still looks the picture of health, still has her razor-sharp mind, and continues to write and research the mountain's history. Her late father, a passionate botanist, instilled in her a love of nature.

As an environmental consultant for the local Government, Eve worked tirelessly to ensure that development on the

mountain was sustainable and respectful of its natural beauty. She was an active member of the 108-year-old Tamborine Mountain Progress Association. She was editor of its newspaper, the *Tamborine Mountain News*, established in November 1958 (now the *Scenic News*), – for 42 years.

It was with great sadness recently that she witnessed her own Council, led by Mayor Greg Christensen, and all his Councillors, bar Cr Swanborough, act to recover court costs from the Association that led to its winding up at its last meeting on 5th September.

Eve has published her popular book *“The Turning Years, A Tamborine Mountain History”* and now has turned her attention to completing her work on the history of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association. The very first minutes of the Progress Association, many years ago, were given to the Beaudesert Historical Society for safekeeping. Eve will now seek access to the documents from the Society to finalise her work.

At the very first meeting of the TMPA in 1915, the minutes read that meetings were to be held monthly on the first Saturday nearest the full moon, because natural light was needed as there was no electricity, and farmers rode through dark forests on horseback carrying lanterns to see their way to attend meetings.

Eve has seen countless Mayors and Councillors of the district come and go over the years, including statesmen like Sydney Curtis, Jim Sharp (Tom Sharp's grandfather), Alan Struss and Michael Fraser, and the much-respected Jeff Sharp, Tom's father, who was Chairman of the Beaudesert Shire's finance committee for a nearly a decade.

Eve has no hesitation in saying Tom Sharp is a fine candidate and would help restore respect in the Office of Mayor for all Scenic Rim residents.

*Photos: Above: Tom Sharp catching up last week with Eve Curtis*

*Left: Photograph taken mid-70's at Kooralbyn Airport – a joyflight taking in the Border Ranges and Mountains Barney and Lindsay of the Scenic Rim. From left: Tom Sharp, Hugh Curtis, Eve Curtis and Raymond Curtis*



mountain was sustainable and respectful of its natural beauty. She found herself in countless meetings, advocating for the protection of vulnerable ecosystems and advocating for responsible land use. It was challenging work, but she knew it was necessary to safeguard the mountain's future.

Over the years, Tamborine Mountain faced increasing pressure from developers who saw its beauty as an opportunity for profit. It was a constant battle, but Eve was determined to preserve the natural wonder that had been



# TM COLLEGE ARTSFEST PROVES A FITTING SHOWCASE FOR YOUNG MOUNTAIN TALENT

Tamborine Mountain came alive with creativity and talent as Tamborine Mountain College (TMC) hosted its annual ArtsFest. This event, which has become a beloved tradition in our community, showcased the incredible artistic abilities of TMC's students and offered a day of fun and entertainment for all who attended.

ArtsFest is a celebration of the arts in its many forms, featuring a diverse range of performances and displays. The day began with the Primary students' enchanting performance of Disney's *Winnie the Pooh*, which brought smiles and laughter to both young and old alike. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by our young performers was truly heartwarming.

Visual art enthusiasts were treated to a feast for the eyes with the Primary and Secondary visual art displays. The creativity and talent of TMC's budding artists were on full display, with a remarkable array of paintings, sculptures, and other artworks showcasing our students' imagination and skill.

Music filled the air as TMC's Junior and Senior bands took to the stage and delivered captivating musical performances, including songs from Deep Purple and Adele's James Bond anthem, *Skyfall*. One of the highlights of ArtsFest were the performances of the talent show winners, featuring the College rock band, Mission Critical.

The weather on the day of ArtsFest couldn't have been more perfect, with clear skies and gentle breezes making it an ideal outdoor event. Families and friends gathered in the school grounds, enjoying the vibrant performances and exhibitions. Food trucks offered a delightful variety of culinary treats, ensuring that no one went hungry during this day of artistic indulgence.

ArtsFest was not only a showcase of TMC's students' talents but also a testament to the school's commitment to fostering creativity and providing a platform for young artists to shine. TMC Principal, Mrs. Fiona Stevens, expressed her pride in the students and the success of ArtsFest: "ArtsFest is a reflection of the dedication and passion of our students. It's a day that brings the community together to celebrate their incredible artistic abilities. We are immensely proud of what our students have achieved, and we look forward to continuing to nurture their creativity in the years to come."



# SHEER JOY AT OCTOBER DANCE EVENT

For the second year, Mountain Mates are running *'Dancing with Celebrities'*, a gala night at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre. Celebrating its fifth year, Mountain Mates hopes to exceed the standard set by last year's event, which won *'Community Event of the Year'* from Scenic Rim Regional Council. The group's blessed to have Linda Simister, with the help of her partner Barry Chatel, running the workshops once again, aided by Martina French, who has choreographed the main dance.

Ten Mates have been practising not one but three dances, with ten local Celebrities, most of whom are reprising their roles last year, as they had so much fun: Joe the Greengrocer, Bushrats Vice-president Quentin Lovett, Sophie Thurbon, who runs All4Dance, Cassie Baan (local optometrist and community theatre actor), Catherine Kahler from the Library, country musician Dane Sharp, and Barry Chatel, who wears myriad hats with the Mates.

The Mates are pleased to welcome three awesome new Celebrities: Russell Smith, well-known musician; Barry Nicol (Manager of the Presbyterian Bargain Centre); and Lions member Dave Mathews.

Mountain Mates is an activity of the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain, and this will be the Mates' major fundraiser this year to support its continued activities. Lions are also using the event to

raise money for facilities for students with disabilities at St Bernard Primary School.

Tickets are for sale online via Trybooking (\$60 which includes a two-course dinner; venue is licensed so BYO not available, drinks at modest prices). Saturday 14 October 2023 6:00 PM

*Photo: Mates and Celebrities at a recent dance practice*







## 48-50 BARTLE ROAD, TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN



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# COUNCIL ROLLS OUT AI TECHNOLOGY TO SURVEY LOCAL ROADS

Scenic Rim Regional Council is using leading-edge AI technology in an assessment of the local road network that will inform future works programs.

The electronic survey being carried out across the region now and in coming weeks will provide Council with an accurate picture of roads and footpaths to be prioritised for maintenance.



Scenic Rim's Roads, Bridges and Paths Portfolio Councillor Virginia West said the data collected by cameras mounted on cars and Ebikes will help determine the timing and location of Council's maintenance works.

"The data captured is displayed in an online mapping environment to show the condition of roads owned and maintained by Council," she said.

"This survey technology has been designed specifically for local government and uses AI to automatically identify and record high priority defects to help improve the safety of road users."

Council has engaged engineering firm SHEPHERD to undertake the survey using their own Road Asset Condition Assessment System (RACAS) on both sealed and unsealed roads across the Scenic Rim.

RACAS captures high-definition images every 10 metres, with GPS and roughness data electronically producing a condition rating of the pavement while RACAS AI software automatically logs any road defects.

Council's footpaths will also be inspected using RACAS with the camera mounted to an Ebike, enabling Council to prioritise repairs and maintenance across the Scenic Rim's 80 kilometres of pathways.

"As a priority of our Community Plan, Council is committed to delivering safe and accessible roads across our 1,750-kilometre local network," Cr West said.

"This technology takes the guesswork out of scheduling works programs and ensures we get the best value for money from our ongoing investment in our local road infrastructure."

As the RACAS survey vehicle travels at normal traffic speeds, no disruptions are anticipated to residents and motorists. Ebike inspections will be conducted at a safe speed considering pedestrians who use Council's footpaths.

*Images: The RACAS road survey vehicle (below) and (top) footpath survey Ebike. Images courtesy SHEPHERD.*



# A JUNIOR CLUB FOR EVERYONE

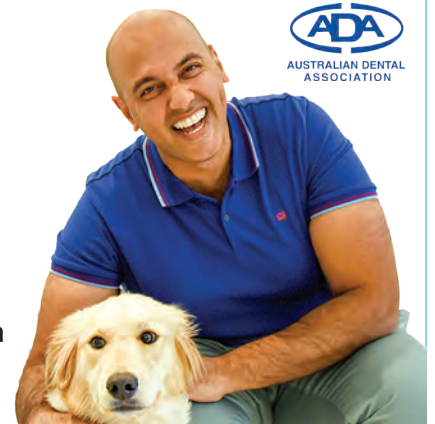


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- Saturday morning games only, with a guaranteed finish time of 11:30, and played either on the Mountain or the Northern end of the Gold Coast.

If you want to find out more, give Club President, Neil Bell a call on **0403 854 699** or email [tmcricquetpresident@gmail.com](mailto:tmcricquetpresident@gmail.com). Training has already started, and the season commences mid-October.



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# Letters to the Editor

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## IS THERE A WATER CRISIS ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN?

**This depends on your situation. There are many families on the Mountain who have no need for local deliveries. No Crisis.**

However, there are those who require a local delivery every so often. Potential crisis.

### What can you do?

The only solution is to get to know your tank. Know your weekly usage and order early. If your tank is half empty, order now. The wait time is getting longer.

### What else can be done?

We have local deliverers x 2 and local suppliers x 2. When I first arrived on the Mountain, we had 6 local suppliers.

Some suppliers have ceased for personal reasons. Some have been stopped by Council because they got greedy and started to export water off the Mountain. Some found a legal loophole and now extract off the Mountain rather than supplying our local deliverers.

I congratulate the local suppliers who have remained loyal to the Community.

We need more local suppliers. I have contacted one identity who may be able to supply water for the locals. I await their response.

Can Council not sink a bore at the Sports Centre and put in a standpipe for use in emergencies? Apparently, there are problems with this suggestion, but the problems cannot be explained.

In times of emergency, potential local suppliers can enact section 166 paragraph 4 of the *Planning Act* and supply water. This was last done when I was a Councillor in 2016, I think. I asked two potential local suppliers to enact this provision. Council, for the first time, reacted very swiftly and shut them down using a Show Cause Notice. The current Mayor, Greg Christensen, was alleged to have said "there is no water emergency on the Mountain. Residents can order water from off the Mountain suppliers".

### Can the State Government assist?

Unfortunately not, or at least until the Mountain is declared a Water Management Area. If this occurs, the State Government might be able to order a cessation to off-the-mountain water extraction in times of drought, providing an opportunity for the bores of local suppliers to replenish quicker.

This is where the QUT 3-year study was supposed to play a vital part. That study has been completed but the Council will not release the results. Why not? So far, they have not provided an explanation.

### Summary

For some, there is a water crisis, and authorities cannot bury their heads in the sand. They have to offer reasonable solutions.

**Nigel Waistell  
Cr Div 1  
2012 to 2020**

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# Councillor's Comment

*These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council. Decisions of Council are made only by majority vote, legislative authority or under authority delegated by Council. Please note my comments are written several days prior to the printing of this paper.*



**The "water issue":** For those interested in the history of one of several costly Planning & Environment Court appeals re:- commercial groundwater extraction on the Mountain, please access the documents publicly available on the Court's website at [File Summary \(courts.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.courts.qld.gov.au) Scroll down to "Documents". This appeal clearly established that the only avenues to limit groundwater extraction were the number of truck movements per week, the composition of the articulated and rigid vehicle movements per week and the total extraction permitted per week (896,000 litres) – not the final destination of the water. Note that the final paragraph of Her Honour Judge Kefford's Judgement made on 21 March 2022 makes provision for an increase in the maximum volume of groundwater which can be extracted with the written agreement of the extractor and SRRC "in emergency circumstances only, such as supply of drinking water in drought conditions...". Please also read Jon Krause MP's column on page 10 of the *Scenic News* of 14 September 2023.



**Cost of the IGA roundabout landscaping:** \$10,120.75. Be thankful it didn't require a handrail!

**Development Applications of interest:** (Source: DAP Online). **Refused:** CAR23/076 200 Hartley Rd – setbacks. **Approved:** MCU23/104 55-81 Kaiser Rd – minor change to approval – dwelling house & secondary dwelling; CAR23/075 95 Coomera Gorge Drive – front boundary setback variation – carport & additions to house; CAR23/077 – 26 Long Rd – shed, side boundary setback. **Lodged:** MCU23/132 – 200 Hartley Rd - Dwelling house Establishment or extension; MCU23/127 – 2-20 Holt Rd – Domestic outbuilding size variation; Building Envelope amendment 23/011 – 282 Main Western Rd; and a rare application indeed - a tourism development actually in the Minor Tourism Zone! MCU23/128 197-207 Long Rd (Jasmin Organics) – short-term accommodation, food & drink outlet. No documents are yet available for most of the above.

**SRRC Grant recipients:** Tamborine Mtn Lions Club \$2,820 Dancing with celebrities 2023; Tamborine Mtn Chamber of Commerce & Industry \$3,080 Scarecrow Festival; Tamborine Mtn Community Kindergarten \$20,000 fencing; Tamborine Mtn Orchestral & Choral Society \$4,992 concerts; Tamborine Mtn Golf Club \$18,000 front deck, railing & shade sail; Tamborine Mtn Community Care \$3,600 Proactive Cognitive Health for an Ageing Population. Unsuccessful: Tamborine Mtn Show Society \$11,394 for showground lighting; Tamborine Mtn Botanic Gardens \$15,070 for Camellia Garden Path. There are no further major funding rounds for this financial year, however, watch out for Round 2 of minor grants. Tamborine Mtn Landcare also received an environmental grant of \$25,000 for its Tamborine Mountain Corridors Regeneration Project.

**Out and About:** 'Tis the season for school events. I had the pleasure of attending Tamborine Mountain State High School's *Crossroads of History* exhibition on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Well done to the staff and students on presenting such a varied and interesting cross-section of world (and local) history, ranging from ancient Egypt to Vikings and, more locally, Camp Cable, which was the site of a 40,000-strong US military base during WWII. More info: [Place | Queensland WWII Historic Places \(ww2places.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.queensland.gov.au/places)



**Springtime on the Mountain:** Date claimer: 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> September. There will be 5 open gardens this year, some with plant stalls and singing. Cost is \$20 for access to all gardens or \$5 per garden for those lacking the stamina to visit all 5. I've just returned from Toowoomba's

*Carnival of Flowers*, so having some gardens close together will be good! Former Toowoomba Mayor Paul Antonio was up for a chat and explained the fierce competitiveness between the staff responsible for Queens Park and Laurel Bank Park. Council staff were happy to discuss plantings, seasonal weather issues and growing their annuals from seed. As the SRRC portfolio holder for Parks, Gardens & Open Spaces a bit of networking was involved. It was a personal trip, not funded by Council.

**Australian Citizenship Ceremony 13 September:** Congratulations to the Mountain's four newest Aussies – Paul (from Wales), Timothy, Paul and Lesley (all from the UK). I won't ask why it took one of them 55 years to make the leap!

**Topics of concern raised recently:** Ongoing Shelf Road issues, fire trails, setbacks, subdivision enquiries, wind turbines, feral cats, stormwater issues (a regular issue), overgrown allotments, line marking and potholes.

**Fact sheet:** *Planning for the risk of landslide hazard and steep slope – June 2023:* [Community Advice Templates re Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020](#) This issue is of interest given Nature-based Tourism applications currently either under consideration by Council or already before the Court on appeal.



**2024 Australia Day Awards:** Nominations now open: [Australia Day Awards – Scenic Rim Regional Council](#)



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# TOM SHARP FOR MAYOR 2024 - LET'S TALK: IT'S YOUR COUNCIL

Dear reader,

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Eve Curtis for publicly endorsing my bid for Mayor of the Scenic Rim in 2024. Eve Curtis is one of a kind when you consider her lifetime achievements and contributions to the cultural, historical and environmental preservation of Tamborine Mountain.

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association and their members both past and present for their tireless efforts in building and preserving a better way of life for the people of Tamborine Mountain for some 108 years.

To read the "TMPA 100 Years - 1915 to 2015" by Eve Curtis one can only feel greatly disappointed by the total lack of support from the SRRC and the indifference our Council has towards its people.

The TMPA, while actively advocated for moderation, caution and guidance in guarding their mountain against otherwise what may be the ravages of excess, also delivered in preserving our community and social history to be enjoyed by future generations. There is no better example of this than the purchase and preservation work of the Zamia Theatre.

I dare say the TMPA also, while more often than not, were on opposing sides with certain authorities such as Council, it was clearly a two-way relationship built out of respect and understanding and served the people well. That is, until the formation of the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

The history clearly shows a change in attitude by Council towards its people. One that has evolved into a total lack of respect for the people and a total lack of trust of Council by the people.

There are no two better examples than the demise at the hands of Council than the closure of both the TMPA and the Beaudesert Pig and Calf Saleyards.

**In the case of the TMPA**, Council led the charge to appeal the Eagles Retreat Place inappropriate development application and was joined by the TMPA, only to have Council pull the pin two weeks before the case was to end, leaving the TMPA to hold the bag. This sabotage allowed a judgement for the developer, and costs were awarded against the TMPA. Rubbing salt into the wound, Councillors (with the exception of Division 1) of this region along with the mayor voted for the recovery of costs from the TMPA - i.e., the people it represents.

**In the case of the Beaudesert Pig and Calf Saleyards** (pictured below), a demolition order was put in place by Council to make way for what is essentially a Council staff car park. This was done without consultation with the people on the future of the saleyards, which was finally admitted by a Council officer in a Council meeting after months and months of denial from various Councillors. A number of actions were initiated by the people to stop this demolition including media coverage, two petitions and an application for heritage listing by The Beaudesert Historical Society. The initial application was successful but was soon appealed by Council, at the expense of the people.



These pure acts of bastardry need to STOP.

**RESPECT for the people by Council** needs to be instilled in the Council psyche and behaviour.

If elected Mayor in March 2024, I will seek from the elected Councillors two resolves:

**The reformation of a Planning Committee**, with the key principle of adhering to and applying the **Planning Scheme** and its rules and guidelines.

This committee will be open to the public for the purposes of accountability, openness, transparency, consultation and submissions by the people.

The formation of a **Community Assets Steering Committee** for each division, with the key principle of ensuring all community assets owned or controlled by Council are managed, maintained and or disposed of with the clear understanding and approval of the people.

Council will be obliged to engage and listen to these committees, and their recommendations will be put to Council in an open and transparent manner for full consideration.

Chaired by the divisional Councillor elected, the committee will be open to include representation from the people with special regard to Historical Societies, Sporting & Recreation Groups & Organisations, Show Societies, Arts Groups & Organisations, Community Support & Wellbeing Organisations and Environmental Organisations.

Again, these committees will be open to the public for the purposes of accountability, openness, transparency, consultation and submissions by the people.

It is envisaged that these divisional committees will be elevated to a total region level for the purposes of uniting the region with better cross communication and understanding of experiences, needs, activities and general sharing of knowledge which may ultimately lead to greater interaction and understanding within the many and varied communities within our region that will ultimately benefit all the people with special regard to its social fabric and community assets.

May I suggest you ask candidates in the upcoming elections where they stand on this policy.

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If you are a community member or healthcare professional in the Scenic Rim region, Renae extends an invitation to learn more about this progressive, evidence-based therapy approach. Register for the informational session on October 15th at North Stores or schedule a private consultation with Renae.

She welcomes everyone, encouraging hesitant individuals with the gentle reminder, "What if I fall? Oh, but darling, what if you fly?" Discover more by reaching out to Renae at [hello@creativebodyflow.com](mailto:hello@creativebodyflow.com) or 0431 602 820.



## BANDSAW LOOKING GOOD AGAIN

Many thanks to the well-known Harvey family for donating this much-loved/used bandsaw.

When it comes to construction and carpentry, a bandsaw is an indispensable tool.

Bandsaws excel at making precise cuts through large beams and timbers, which are commonly used in construction projects.

The fresh meat industry was an early adopter of the band saw. Many butcher shops still have these saws on display while in use.

A powerful motor and adjustable blade tension ensures clean and accurate cuts, enabling work with confidence. So many of the Mountain structures and early buildings owe their existence to the bandsaw. The bandsaw derives its name from the continuous band of toothed metal that is looped around the wheels of the saw. This band is typically made of steel, the ends being welded together and then stretched taut between two or more of the wheels.



When the saw is turned on, the wheels rotate, causing the band to move in a loop. The teeth of the blade face outward. As the material to be cut is fed into the blade, the teeth bite into the material and slice through it with ease.

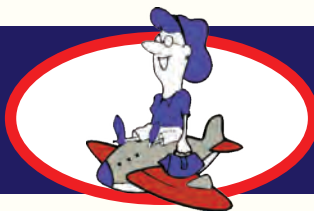
Volunteer Tony Shorter started to work on the donated "as is" bandsaw to bring it up to exhibition standard.

To view the bandsaw and a myriad of other items used by the Mountain's early settlers call into the Heritage Centre at Wongawallan Road, Eagle Heights on Sunday between 11am and 3pm. Good car parking available, and it is wheelchair friendly too.

**Tony Smallwood, Historical Society**

*PHOTO: Volunteer Tony Shorter at work on the donated bandsaw to freshen it up to exhibition standard.*





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## OUR STAFF BOOK CHOICE: *Keeping Up Appearances* by Tricia Stringer



As tensions simmer in a small country town, three women are going to need more than CWA sausage rolls and can-do community spirit to put things right. Privacy is hard to maintain in Badara, the kind of small Australian country town where everyone knows everyone else's business. So discovers single mum Paige when she and her three children arrive from the city seeking refuge. Paige's only respite from child care and loneliness is the Tuesday gym club, where she had feared the judgement of the town matriarchs, but she is met only with generosity and a plethora of baked goods.

Besides, both the brusque Marion and her polished sister-in-law Briony are too busy dealing with their own dramas to examine hers. Well-to-do farmer's wife and proud mother Briony is in full denial of her family's troubles. Even with her eldest daughter's marriage in ruins and her son Blake's recent bombshell. Suddenly Briony and husband Vince have a full house again - and the piles of laundry aren't the only dirty linen that's about to be aired. For Marion, the unearthing of a time capsule - its contents to be read at the Celebrate Badara weekend - is a disaster. She was only a teenager when she wrote down those poisonous words, but that doesn't mean she won't lose friends and family if they hear what she really thinks of them - especially as the letter reveals their darkest secrets to the world. When the truth comes out for Badara, keeping up appearances may no longer be an option for anyone..."

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## DIRTY DOGS?

**Dogs can be as gross as they are lovable in terms of the things they do.**

The number one repulsive habit in some dogs is eating their own poo, or others'. Researchers found that between 40.5 and 59.3 percent of participating dogs occasionally indulged in the habit. This behaviour seems to be innate, as a mother dog will eat her puppy's faeces as a way to keep the den clean, and the behaviour is normal for puppies. Adult wolves keep their den clean and will eat any faeces in there for parasite control. Some commercial dog foods lack nutritional value, and that could be a possible cause, or if a dog is starving; it is better than dying. Other undesirable indulgences include:

- Eating their own vomit

– the most common reason a dog vomits is because he gulps down his food too fast. When he vomits, he can smell the undigested food; high protein and fat and is enticed to eat it. The best solution for this problem is a "slow eater food bowl."



- Rolling in smelly things – there are a few theories about this one. Foul smells are like perfume and just fun for some dogs. Wolves would roll in something and take the odour back to the pack so others would know what to hunt for. Or rolling in another's scent masks your own, sort of like perfume.
- Sniffing hindquarters and people's crotches – this is a good social skill for dog to dog. They can smell each other's pheromones; detecting if the other is in season, whole or desexed, approximate age and where their territory is or where they have been. They can also pick up adrenaline and fear. As for sniffing people's crotches, they gather similar information, and can be trained out of this.
- Licking their private areas – this is just simple grooming for canines. However, if licking is excessive, there may be enlarged anal glands or a urinary tract infection.

In some countries and cultures dogs are feared and they are considered transmitters of disease, but any creature including ourselves can be contaminants.

**Islam** – to have a dog as a pet is forbidden, if a person touches a dog, they must wash the area of contact several times. Dogs are kept to herd, guard or hunt, but dogs are never allowed inside.

**Korea** – many Koreans are afraid of dogs and believe they could attack at any moment. Dogs are a commodity and a source of meat.

**China** – there is a decline in dog meat consumption and a sharp rise in pet ownership.

**India** – one of the highest rates of street dogs in the world; around 35 million, and around 20,000 cases of rabies yearly. But attitudes are changing and a growing number of people are adopting dogs.

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- If you have a touch phone, program in the phone numbers of a relative, neighbour, close friend, and the emergency number '000' (triple zero).
- If you receive mail, emails, phone calls, requesting money – even if for a charity – it is important to verify where the request has come from before donating. Contact your local police station if you are still unsure. Do not respond to any messages that do not bear a sender's name.
- If you live alone, consider installing an alarm system – it will help in keeping you safe and protecting your home and personal belongings. Medical or personal alarm systems can be easy to set up and there are many options available to you, depending on your needs.
- Know your neighbours and look out for each other – this will create a safe neighbourhood for all and help you feel more secure.



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## SPRINGTIME YOGA

We have a Spring Goddess Yoga Workshop coming up soon. Held at Albert River Winery Sun 15/10/23, yoga and a flower crown workshop followed by lunch. It's going to be a wonderful day. So, what is Spring Goddess Yoga and what can it do for you? It's

**yoga inspired by the rising energy of the Earth, and Goddess energy is the feminine energy from Mother Earth and all the deities that hold her essence.**

We all love order, predictability, and safety. As humans we crave it, and for some people that's the only way they can live. And then something happens that wrecks that order: an illness, a death, a life change like retrenchment, and our carefully ordered life falls apart. Some people can rise to the occasion and sail through, but for many of us we sink further into chaos before hopefully we overcome it, and almost all of us emerge wiser, stronger, and better for the experience. In the bigger picture, chaos is necessary, as it wakes us up from our complacency and dormancy, stirring the spirit into action. It is the light that ignites our creative spark and fuels our inner fire to change, to transform and to remember our divine power to create life, love, passion, and pleasure in all that we do.

Chaos is non-linear in nature and therefore is deeply related to the feminine, and this feminine chaotic power is what we try to avoid at all costs, because the feminine has the power to dismantle our carefully constructed lives and send us spiralling out of control. Think of a new baby, the ultimate gift of the feminine. A small baby does not honour your carefully ordered life, it is totally self-absorbed with its need for food, love, touch, comfort, and pleasure. As parents, just to survive, we must ditch our carefully controlled routines to serve the needs of this tiny tyrant and we both emerge from the chaos with the greatest joy and sweetness that only a parent-child relationship can give.

Goddess yoga embraces the feminine and balances the masculine. The masculine is doing energy, while the feminine is being. Neither is better, and both have their place. Unfortunately, our society places huge value on doing, which is why many of us are anxious and overwhelmed. We feel like we always must be doing something. Goddess energy is about recognising when you need to pause, rest, and find stillness. Goddess yoga is about tuning into your emotions and becoming aware of those hidden thoughts, feelings, pain, shame, and trauma in your subconscious. A lifetime of ignoring these emotions can lead to anxiety, stress, and mistrust of ourselves.

The workshop is a perfect balance of movement, stillness, creativity and laughter. Beautifully balanced and lots of fun. Fit for the Gods and Goddesses in all of us!

**Margot Wagner**  
**Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree**

*(Find and like articles similar to this on my Facebook Page: Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree)*

## Relationships



## PATIENCE

There is an ancient Latin expression: *maxima enim, patientia virtus*, meaning patience is the greatest virtue. These days, it's a virtue to which we give little consideration.

Patience is a quality that is under-utilised in today's society. Like the typewriter, patience has become almost redundant. We don't get many opportunities to exercise patience in order to function in today's world, because most things are readily available. I have a lifelong friend who lives in Ireland. As kids, we would write letters to one another, asking each other questions we knew would take at least a month to be answered. Today we communicate through Messenger, and reply to one another in seconds. No patience required.

Patience is learnt in an environment where we are exposed to delays. Our daughter spent three months volunteering in Uganda. She looked after a house of 40 girls. There was one outside toilet - talk about patience! Cooking dinner outside on an open fire took hours.

In Uganda, they know the meaning of patience because they live with it every day. Meanwhile, here in Australia everything we need is literally at our fingertips. This wires us for immediate gratification and, sadly, this is impacting on how we relate to one another. Our relationships suffer for lack of patience. Lack of patience leads to frustration which comes out in anger.



Patience is the capacity to tolerate challenges or delays without getting upset. Why do we need patience with one another? For starters, we operate at different speeds. Patience is staying calm when you're stuck behind a driver who drives slower than you. Patience is slowing down to your kids' pace when they're struggling with their homework. Patience is refraining from jumping in and finishing another's sentence because you want the conversation to move along quicker.

Patience breeds a calm, communicative approach that encourages others to listen to you rather than shut down. Most of our quarrels are sparked by a lack of patience. We have a pressing need to get OUR point across, so we jump in with our opinion, instead of patiently listening to the person and giving consideration to their viewpoint. Patience guards us from jumping to inaccurate conclusions. It allows us time to calmly think about the situation. When you're patient, you take the time to understand, resulting in more profound connections. What would a community be like where we always showed patience to one another?

Practice patience more in your everyday life. It doesn't have to be the big things. You could start by simply being patient when you're stuck in traffic. Instead of becoming frustrated, try to relax and enjoy the ride. See your delays as opportunities for personal growth! By practising patience in everyday situations, you will be better prepared for challenging moments in a relationship.

Practising patience also means being patient with yourself. Accept that you will make mistakes and don't be too hard on yourself. When you're patient with yourself, you'll find it easier to be patient with others.

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# Physio Talk



with Hayden Buckman

## SNAP, CRACKLE, POP!

**Australia has the highest rates of Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) injury in the world. That's right: nowhere on earth are you more likely to tear that all-important ligament than right here in our neck of the woods. Injury rates had risen by 70% in 2021 when last reported - with most of those being people under the age of 25.**

Last year a large review was undertaken to establish just who is injuring themselves the most. The study confirmed that those aged 15-29 years of age were the most likely to rupture their ACL but the group with the highest incidence was young girls aged 5-14.

### What Is The ACL?

The ACL is a thick, string ligament that sits in the centre of the knee and provides stability to the knee. The main role of the ligament is to prevent the femur from moving forward on the tibia. This ligament pairs with the Posterior Cruciate Ligament, Medial and Lateral Collateral Ligaments to keep your knee strong and stable.

### How do I know I've snapped my ACL?

The cardinal signs we look for in clinic to confirm an ACL injury are:

- You tell me a story similar to the one above
- You heard/felt a large "Pop" or "Clunk" in the knee
- Significant swelling is common, however not always the case

It is not uncommon (in fact it is usually the case) that you also tear your MCL and Medial Meniscus when you injure your ACL. When this occurs, your knee feels EVEN MORE unstable and can often be very difficult to weight bear.

### Ok. My ACL is injured - what now?

If we think you have torn your ACL, you will require an MRI to confirm this. It is important to get this sooner rather than later to help determine what happens next, along with the extent of your injury.

Historically - and as is still the case in Australia now - surgery is the most common solution to this injury. There is a growing trend towards non-surgical management of ACL injuries, with early research suggesting that there may be no difference long-term between surgery and physiotherapy rehabilitation only. This is incredibly encouraging, as avoiding surgery is always great!!

This is a tricky and new horizon and requires a lot of teamwork between your surgeon and us as your physio. Either way - physiotherapy rehabilitation is necessary WITH or WITHOUT surgery.

Without appropriate rehabilitation -

returning to sport can

increase, meaning you are 40 times more likely to re-injure your knee! Rehabilitation is usually between 9-12 months and needs to be physiotherapist-led to ensure the best chance of return to sport.

### I want to prevent this!

Physique has worked hard to deliver resources to all of the sporting clubs on the Mountain to help prevent ACL injury. There is a mountain of research to show we can effectively reduce the rates of ACL injury (by up to 53%) with appropriate warmups before sport and strength/agility exercises. If you are playing sport, it is imperative to include the correct exercises and warmup to reduce the rates of this terrible injury.

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# THE BURDEN OF BACNE

If you're wondering what on earth 'Bacne' is, you've most likely never had it. And if you know what it is, you've more than likely been burdened with it.

Bacne is the trendy abbreviation for Back Acne. And if you've had or have back acne, it's quite unpleasant, painful, irritating, and confidence takes a real dive. And one of the worst parts is, since it's on your back, you can't see it to treat it.

Now with the warmer weather, back acne is likely to make its return. Why? Because excess sweat, humidity, oil build up and bacteria build up and cause acne, which is especially the case when it's warm, the back is harder to exfoliate and cleanse properly and often. In addition to this, clothing choices are a major factor. For example, tight, polyester clothing can attract sweat build up because it doesn't allow air to flow. Simple lifestyle activities can also increase back acne. For example, gardening on any given day, a gym session or a morning walk, or strenuous work indoors can all contribute to excess sweat build up, and when this isn't cleansed or exfoliated – excess oil builds up and gets trapped, and back acne is created.

A loofah is a great option for a weekly light scrub. Cotton and light clothing are also worth considering. If the issue is beginning to affect your confidence, you can also apply tea tree oil to a cool face washer and either have someone wipe your back with it or attach to a loofah



# BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with Rebecca Mander

handle. This will help soak up excess oils and provide antibacterial support to your back.

It's a great idea to get in the habit of cleansing your back gently and daily, again if someone can help you reach your back, great, if not a sponge on a long handle works great too.

It goes without saying the cleaning clothes regularly is also recommended and clean sheets. The same principle of cleaning pillowcases to avoid bacteria and oil building up applies to sheets.

I won't suggest not popping or squeezing, because if you're a popper or a squeezer, me suggesting not to isn't going to achieve anything. But if you do, I suggest again applying a little Witch Hazel or Tea Tree to the area to support healing and reduce inflammation.

As for clothing, cotton is great, also widely available. If you do undertake strenuous activities indoors (I'm speaking to the Chefs amongst us) or outdoors, consider showering as soon as you finish to instantly remove the sweat and excess oils.

Thanks again for joining me in this edition of *Scenic News*, have a wonderful week and look after one another.

As always, spread kindness like it's jam on toast.

Rebecca – Naturally COS



  
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# TRIVIA

## Failed inventions



- Which company released a "touch-screen" smartphone named "Kin" which was discontinued after only 48 days on the market?
- Which edible spreadable product was created as a substitute for butter but was largely rejected by the public?
- Which iconic cola company released a product called "New Coke" in the 1980s that was quickly replaced due to public backlash?
- What was the name of the Microsoft product intended to compete with the iPod but failed to gain traction?
- Which glasses, developed by Google, aimed to provide augmented reality but were criticized for privacy concerns?
- What vehicle, touted as an urban transport revolution, was hyped up before its launch but ended up being just a two-wheeled scooter?
- Which product, introduced in the 1950s, was supposed to replace the television but ended up being a commercial flop due to its limitations?
- What was the name of Amazon's smartphone that failed to gain significant market share and was discontinued?
- Which 1990s game console by Apple failed to gain popularity against competitors like Nintendo and Sega?
- Which bubble gum, introduced in the 1970s, was supposed to last forever but was pulled from the market due to poor sales?
- What was the name of the car model by Ford in the 1950s that became one of the biggest commercial flops in automotive history?
- Which 1980s wristwatch by Seiko attempted to store data but was too ahead of its time and not practical?
- Which digital pet toy of the 1990s became popular for a brief period but quickly faded due to over-saturation of the market?
- What was the name of the alternative to DVDs introduced in the 2000s that failed because of its inability to compete with Blu-Ray?
- Which 1980s beverage, promoted as a clear alternative to traditional cola, was discontinued due to lack of interest?
- What household item, introduced in the 1930s, was supposed to replace the refrigerator but used toxic chemicals and was quickly abandoned?

*Answers p31*



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